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TO ASSISTANT LEGAL ADVISOR BERNARD OXMAN

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FOR AMBASSADOR LEARSON AND BERNARD OXMAN

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SUBJECT: UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL ZULETA'S VIEWS ON INTERSESSIONAL
LOS CONSULTATIONS

1. UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL ZULETA, IN DISCUSSION WITH
MISSOFF HIRSCH REGARDING SECRETARY'S ADDRESS TO GENERAL
ASSEMBLY, TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO ASK THAT FOLLOWING VIEWS
REGARDING INTERSESSIONAL LOS CONSULTATIONS BE PASSED ON TO
YOU.

2. ZULETA SAID THAT ELISABETH MANN BORGHESE AND ARVIDE PARDO
WERE ORGANIZING PACEM IN MARIBUS CONFERENCE IN ALGIERS
OCTOBER 25-28. THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAD BEEN INVITED BUT
WOULD NOT ATTEND. REPRESENTATION FROM THE UN SECRETARIAT
WAS STILL UNCLEAR BUT IF EITHER BOUMEDIENNE OR BOUTEFLIKA
ADDRESS THE CONFERENCE, ZULETA HIMSELF WILL GO, AND DAVID
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HALL WILL GO IN ANY CASE. EVENSEN WILL ALSO BE THERE AS

WELL AS A NUMBER OF OTHERS INVOLVED IN LOS INCLUDING AMERICAN NGOS. ZULETA SAID THAT, GIVEN VIRTUAL CERTAINTY THAT THERE WOULD BE BEHIND-THE-SCENES DISCUSSIONS REGARDING PREPARATIONS FOR NEXT LOS CONFERENCE, IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR USG TO SEND AN APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIVE. HE ADDED THAT IT MIGHT ALSO BE OF VALUE FOR YOU OR SOMEONE FROM YOUR STAFF TO MEET WITH HIM IN NEW YORK BEFORE ALGIERS MEETING TO REVIEW THE CURRENT SITUATION.

3. MOVING ON TO MORE GENERAL DISCUSSION, ZULETA SAID IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT FOR SUCCESS OF NEXT SESSION TO IDENTIFY KEY STATES AND APPROPRIATE LEVEL FOR INTERSESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS. EMPHASIZING THAT HE WAS SPEAKING CANDIDLY, HE SAID IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE FOR THESE CONSULTATIONS TO BE TOO SELECTIVE (HE SAID THAT THIS HAD BEEN MISTAKE OF ENGO AND OTHERS IN FORMING "THE FRIENDS OF ENGO", BY DEFINITION EXCLUDING AND OFFENDING A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS). HE THOUGHT EMERGING PATTERN WAS FOR DECISION-MAKING CONSULTATIONS TO TAKE PLACE AT LEVEL OF HEADS OF DELEGATIONS RATHER THAN AT LEVEL OF HEADS OF STATE OR COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES.

4. ZULETA STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF MAKING U.S. PROPOSALS FOR RESOLVING COMMITTEE I DEADLOCK MORE SPECIFIC. SECRETARY'S UNGA SPEECH HAD GONE BEYOND HIS PROPOSALS EARLIER THIS MONTH BY REFERRING TO TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER. THIS WAS A POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT. (IN MORE CRITICAL TONE, ZULETA SAID THAT HE DID NOT KNOW TO WHICH COUNTRIES SECRETARY WAS REFERRING IN HIS COMMENT THAT SOME NATIONS HAVE ESCALATED THEIR DEMANDS AND STRIDENCY AFTER U.S. HAD MADE ITS LATEST PROPOSALS.) THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES NEEDED CLEAR ASSURANCE THAT THEY WOULD BE FINANCIALLY AND TECHNICALLY IN POSITION TO PARTICIPATE IN DEEP SEABEDS MINING ENTERPRISE. IN ON-THE-RECORD SESSIONS IN NEW YORK, THESE CONCERNS HAD BEEN OBFUSCATED BY IDEOLOGICAL RHETORIC BUT HOPEFULLY THESE ISSUES COULD BE DEALT WITH CANDIDLY IN BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS.

5. ZULETA THEN OFFERED BRIEF REGIONAL ANALYSIS. MALAYSIA AND PHILIPPINES WERE KEY ASIAN STATES. ONCE THEIR CONCERNS RE STRAITS AND ARCHIPELAGIC WATERS WERE MET, THEY WOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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PLAY MAJOR POSITIVE ROLE IN LEADING OTHER ASIAN STATES TO RESOLUTION OF COMMITTEE I PORLBMES. INDIA, FOR GOOD OR BAD, WOULD HAVE IMPORTANT INFLUENCE ON PAKISTAN AND BANGLADESH. TURNING TO LATIN AMERICAN STATES, ZULETA SAID IT HAD BEEN MAJOR MISTAKE AT LAST SESSION TO EXCLUDE CUBA FROM FIRST COMMITTEE DELIBERATIONS. AT CARACAS, LATIN AMERICANS HAD REACHED GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT NOT TO POLITICIZE LOS ISSUES (PRESUMABLY ON EAST-WEST LINES). CUBA IN

LOS CONTEXT WAS IMPORTANT NICKEL PRODUCER WITH MAJOR INTEREST
IN LOS CONVENTION. IT SHOULD BE BROUGHT INTO ACTIVE ROLE
IN INTERSESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS. AS REGARDS MIDDLE EAST,
ARAB "SHEIKHS" HAD RELATIVELY LITTLE INCENTIVE TO WORK FOR
LOS CONVENTION, AND WERE PRIMARILY CONCERNED THAT ECONOMIC ZONE
CONCEPT MIGHT WORK AGAINST THEIR OIL INTERESTS.
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